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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 SETTLEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 1281

B) USEC A-60

C) GENEVA 1426

1. CANADA AND THE EC REACHED AGREEMENT ON FRIDAY, FEB 28,
REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF THE EC/CANADA ART. XXIV:6 DISPUTE.
A CANADIAN MISSION OFFICER SAYS THAT PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU
ANNOUNCED THE AGREEMENT DURING HIS VISIT TO THE HAGUE.
THE COMMISSION ALSO ISSUED A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT ON FRIDAY.

2. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ON GRAINS IS UNCHANGED FROM
THE ONE GIVEN IN REFS A AND B. ACCORDING TO OUR CANADIAN
MISSION SOURCE, THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES IN THE WORDING OF
THE DESCRIPTION OF CHEDDAR CHEESE FROM THAT GIVEN IN REF B.

3. THE CHEDDAR CHEESE CONCESSION IS AN "AUTONOMOUS" MODI-
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FICATION OF THE CXT WHICH IS NOW BEING SUBMITTED TO THE EC

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR APPROVAL.

4. LOERKE, THE EC COMMISSION'S US-CANADA DESK OFFICER, HAS ASSURED US THAT THE CHEDDAR CHEESE CONCESSION IS "NON-DISCRIMINATORY" I.E. THAT IT IS AN MFN CONCESSION, AND NOT IN VIOLATION OF GATT ARTICLE I. (IT MAY, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, BE DIFFICULT FOR US CHEESE TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE CONCESSION.)

5. THE MISSION WILL TRANSMIT THE FINAL TEXTS OF THE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED. GREENWALD

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